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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ADABA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, ET, US

SUBJECT: KAGNEW II

REF: (A) STATE 304765 (NOTAL), (B) ADDIS 14968 (NOTAL),  
(C) KHARTOUM 3021 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NEWS ITEM BROADCAST DECEMBER 30  
BY WTOP IN WASHINGTON: QUOTE: A DISPUTE HAS DEVELOPED  
BETWEEN POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS IN ETHIOPIA ABOUT  
WHETHER THEY SHOULD FREE SOME OF THEIR FOREIGN CAPTIVES  
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WITHOUT CONDITIONS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ERITREAN

LIBERATION FRONT SAYS THAT THEY ARE STILL NEGOTIATING WITH MILITARY COLLEAGUES TO ENSURE RELEASE OF ALL THE CAPTIVES WITHOUT CONDITIONS. BUT HE SAYS THE MILITARY LEADERS STILL WANT THE UNITED STATES TO ISSUE A PUBLIC DECLARATION THAT IT IS CALLING OFF ALL MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA'S MILITARY REGIME. THE SECRETARY GENERAL SAYS HE'S PERSUADED THE MILITARY COMMANDERS TO DROP A FIVE MILLION DOLLAR RANSOM DEMAND FOR THE CAPTIVES. FIVE AMERICANS, ONE BRITISH AND ONE ITALIAN ARE BEING HELD IN ETHIOPIA'S RED SEA PROVINCE OF ERITREA. END QUOTE

2. WTOP REP INDICATED THAT ABOVE CITED ITEM WAS PROBABLY RE-WRITE OF MATERIAL RECEIVED OVER UPI WIRE. HOWEVER, IT

MAY HAVE BEEN BASED ON AP ITEM, CITED REFTEL B, WHICH APPARENTLY BEARS BEIRUT DATELINE AND ATTRIBUTES STATEMENT TO ERITREAN LEADER OSMAN SALEH SABBE OF THE PLF.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT WHICH AMEMBASSY BEIRUT CAN SHED ON OSMAN'S STATEMENT WHICH IS PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED DECEMBER 30.

4. REFTELS B AND C ARE BEING REPEATED TO AMEMBASSIES BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS. ROBINSON

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